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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday. 30 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/287)

Briefing by the Secretariat

No exit without strategy (S/2000/1072)

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

Letter dated 7 September 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/865)*

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 76th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/55/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/639)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47, A/55/L.48)

3 p.m. 77th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [40]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/538, A/55/639)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.49, A/55/L.50)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.3 (item 92 (d))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and Add.1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1))

3 p.m.*-6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1))

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (United Nations pension system (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481))

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on financial regulations and rules

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on crime of aggression

WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Capital master plan

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 30 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room A: A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.30 (item 95 (d)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; A/C.2/55/L.35 (item 97), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.;

Conference Room S-2963D: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room S-3427: A/C.2/55/L.12 (item 94 (e)) and A/C.2/55/L.13 (item 94 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room S-2413: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 7: A/C.2/55/L.28 (item 92 (b)), from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room S-1027: A/C.2/55/L.23 (item 95 (g)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference room (refer to blackboard): A/C.2/55/L.32 (item 93 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcements

The 6th meeting of the General Committee of the General Assembly, which was scheduled for *today*, 30 November 2000, has been postponed.

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 30 November 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON CRIME OF AGGRESSION

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.29)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 20)

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

1.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ANNUAL BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Friends of Guinea-Bissau *today*, 30 November 2000, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on draft resolutions on the closure of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant and the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of Ukraine, will be held *today*, 30 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 1 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. — 78th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [40]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/538, A/55/639)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.49, A/55/L.50)

3 p.m. — 79th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: draft resolution (A/55/L.52) [175]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The 2000 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All Member States are invited to attend.

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 11 a.m. sharp, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 13th meeting of the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will take place under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) on Friday, 1 December 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting for delegations interested in participating in the Energy Exhibit Committee for the sixth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, is open to all interested Member States.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000", organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the panel will include H.E. Sr. Juan Gabriel Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Mrs. Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Mr. Malcolm Smart, Programme Director, Human Rights Watch. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 29 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4238th meeting

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Senegal, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Callisto Madavo, Vice-President of the World Bank.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 27 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations (S/2000/1130), the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mrs. Dulce Maria Pereira, Executive Secretary of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Secretary-General.

The Council then heard a statement by Mr. Callisto Madavo, Vice-President of the World Bank.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mali, the United States, Bangladesh, France (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, which aligned themselves with the statement), Canada, the United Kingdom, Argentina and the Russian Federation.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of China, Tunisia, Jamaica, Ukraine, Malaysia and Namibia, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the Minister for Development Cooperation of the Netherlands.

Statements were then made by the representatives of the Gambia, Senegal and Guinea.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Executive Secretary of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries.

Further statements were made by Mr. Madavo and by the Vice-Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau in response to the comments made.

4239th meeting

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/37).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

74th plenary meeting

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [38]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/476)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.39)

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.39.

The representative of Brazil made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 119 votes to 0, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.39 (resolution 55/49).

The representative of France made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 38.

Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women [17 (i)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of Croatia, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Namibia and the Netherlands as members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 17.

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard: draft resolution (A/55/L.40) [37]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 37.

The representative of Chile made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.40.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.40 (resolution 55/46).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 37.

Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/55/L.43/Rev.1) [33]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 33.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/55/L.43/Rev.1.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.43/Rev.1 as orally corrected (resolution 55/47).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 33.

The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/55/L.15/Rev.2) [174]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 174.

The representative of Guyana made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.15/Rev.2.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.15/Rev.2 (resolution 55/48).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 174.

75th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People (A/55/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/639)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47 and A/55/L.48)

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47 and A/55/L.48.

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the Committee's report (A/55/35).

The Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, China, the United Republic of Tanzania, South Africa, Yemen, Bahrain, India, Egypt, Algeria, Mauritania, Cuba and Nigeria.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 73rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 2000/231, p. 10): the second paragraph under item 47 (Assistance in mine action) should read as follows:

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.1.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions: financing for development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries [92 (e)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.2 and L.41

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), introduced and orally revised and corrected draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.41.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representative of Chile, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the landlocked developing countries) and Indonesia.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.41, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.2 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 92 (e).

Environment and sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity [95 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.20 and L.44

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.44.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.44, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.20 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (b).

Training and research [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.25/Rev.1

The representative of France introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Gabon, Haiti, India, the Marshall Islands and Micronesia (Federated States of).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Additional sponsors

The Republic of Korea joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24 (item 97).

High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [101]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Executive Coordinator of the Secretariat for Financing for Development.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), Norway, Bangladesh, France (on behalf of the European Union), Colombia (on behalf of the RIO countries), Morocco, Pakistan, India, Guatemala, Trinidad and Tobago and Japan.

39th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 101 and heard statements by the representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Togo (on behalf of the OAU countries), Guyana (on behalf of the CARICOM countries), China, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of land-locked developing countries) and Nepal.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.45

The Committee had before it a draft resolution transmitted to the General Assembly by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, contained in document A/C.2/55/L.45.

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications pertaining to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 101.

Additional sponsors

Uzbekistan joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4 (item 94 (b)).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 33rd meeting

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of the Republic of Korea, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.9.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [133]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of the Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.10.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Egypt, India, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Colombia (on behalf of the RIO Group) and Nepal.

The Chairman informed the Committee, that as agreed at the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee, held on Monday, 27 November, the Committee would revert to the consideration of the reports related to the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations at a later stage upon receipt of the remaining relevant reports.

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

The report of the Secretary-General was before the Committee in document A/C.5/55/15.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Norway.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission

The report of the Secretary-General was before the Committee in document A/55/623.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Cuba, France (on behalf of the European Union) and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

Revised estimates under section 7, International Court of Justice

The report of the Secretary-General was before the Committee in document A/C.5/55/21.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/7/Add.2).

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these questions would be announced at a later date, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of chapters I, VII, (sections B and C) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/55/3).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 255th meeting

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of South Africa read a message of the Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia read a message in his capacity as Chairman of the Twenty-seventh Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

The representative of Togo read a message of the Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Palestine Affairs of the League of Arab States read a message of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

Mr. Don Betz read a message on behalf of the international network of non-governmental organizations on the question of Palestine.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Brazil, Cyprus, Cuba, Egypt, Guinea, Guyana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Morocco, Namibia, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Turkey, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela , Viet Nam and Yemen.

Messages were received from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Bangladesh, Belarus, Cambodia, China, India, Lesotho, Mauritius, Pakistan and Thailand.

Messages were received from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Argentina, Colombia, Hungary, Iraq, Japan, Madagascar, Oman, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

Messages were received from the Governments of Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic and Uruguay.

A message was received from the delegation of Zimbabwe to the United Nations.

A message was received from the European Union, the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Messages were received from the following non-governmental organizations: European Coordinating Committee for NGOs on the Question of Palestine, Federación Palestina del Perú, Indo-Arab Friendship Association and International Progress Organization.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2000

80th meeting

The Committee met with the newly appointed Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, Mr. Miloon Kothari.

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee discussed and adopted concluding observations on Belgium and Yugoslavia in closed session.

81st (closed) meeting

The Committee considered concluding observations on Morocco.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Guatemala (28 November 2000)*

Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954

Ratification: Guatemala (28 November 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement establishing the Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. Madrid, 24 July 1992

Ratification: Guatemala (28 November 2000)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Syrian Arab Republic (29 November 2000)

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Ratification: Belarus (29 November 2000)*

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols will be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention and articles 16 and 21, respectively, of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, N.Y. 10017 (fax: (212) 963-3693). Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

In connection with the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, the topic of this week's DPI/NGO briefing will be "International Day of Disabled Persons: Making Information Technologies Work for All". The briefing will take place *today*, 30 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., in Conference Room 4. The briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, and the media invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan (NGO Section, DPI (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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World AIDS Day

In observance of World AIDS Day, a special event, organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will take place on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. In keeping with the theme "AIDS: Men Make a Difference", designated by UNAIDS for its World AIDS Campaign, there will be a discussion on changes in male attitudes and behaviours that could halt the spread of AIDS. The event, moderated by Riz Khan, CNN International, is co-sponsored by the Department of Information, UNAIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and loveLife/The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will open the programme. H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, and Mr. Elhadj Sy, Representative, UNAIDS Liaison Office in New York, will deliver opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

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